

Service Date: July 17, 1985

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER Of The application)	UTILITY DIVISION
Of The TOWN OF BRIDGER For Authority)	DOCKET NO. 84.12.82
To Adopt Increased Sewer Rates.)	DEFAULT ORDER NO. 5146

On December 21, 1984, the Town of Bridger (Applicant) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission for an order authorizing the Applicant to increase its sewer rates to provide revenues to defray increased costs of operation and to maintain and repair existing systems.

Having considered the application and the documentation furnished by Applicant in support of its application and deeming itself fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing to be held, if requested, was published in the January 31, 1985 edition of the Billings Gazette and the January 31, 1985 edition of the Bridger Record. The notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by February 28, 1985 an appropriate order may be issued based upon evidence submitted with the application.

2. On February 22, 1985, protests and requests for public hearing were received from six consumers connected to the Bridger sewer system.

3. On June 13, 1985 the Commission received an amended Resolution from the Town of Bridger. This resolution reduced the proposed sewer rate for consumers residing outside the Town limits from \$7.23 per month to \$3.68 per month.

4. On June 27, 1985 the Commission received a withdrawal of protests and requests for hearing from the six consumers, who submitted the same on February 22, 1985.

5. Since the protests and requests for public hearing were withdrawn, no public hearing was scheduled.

6. On December 4, 1985, the Town Council of the Town of Bridger passed Resolution No. 460 setting sewer rates at the proposed level (as amended by Resolution No. 464)

7. The Town alleges it needs additional revenue to provide for increased costs of operation and to repair the existing system.

8. The Town anticipates that the proposed rates will increase annual revenues by approximately \$5,365.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and proceedings in this matter.
2. The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

ORDER

1. The rates as set forth in the Town of Bridger's Resolution Nos. 460 and 464 are authorized.

2. These rates shall be effective for all sewer services rendered on and after July 15, 1985.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana on the 15th day of July, 1985 by a vote of 5-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

Clyde Jarvis, Chairman

John B. Driscoll, Commissioner

Howard L. Ellis, Commissioner

Tom Monahan, Commissioner

Danny Oberg, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Trenna Scofield
Commission Secretary

Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 28.2.4806, ARM.